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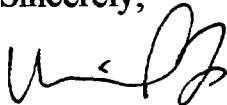
March 4, 1999

Magalie Roman Salas, Esquire
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Melba, Idaho.

Sincerely,



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In the matter of:

Amendment of Section 73.202 (b)

Table of Allotments

FM Broadcast Stations

(Melba, Idaho)

RM-_____

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 260C2 (99.9 Mhz) to Melba, Idaho as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 260C2 (99.9 Mhz) to Melba, Idaho and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 260C2 to Melba will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Melba is located in Southwestern Idaho. It is also located within Canyon County, a county of some 90,076 persons. Melba has a population of 252 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 260C2 to Melba will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Melba is located at Nyssa, Oregon. Nyssa is located 32 kilometers from Melba.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Melba is presently without local FM service.

4. Melba would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 32 Kilometers of Melba. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Melba area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 260C2 can be allotted to Melba and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Melba, Idaho	-----	260C2

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 260C2 and the pertinent adjacent channels to 260C2 have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 43 - 08' - 21", W. 116 - 45' - 25") are that of a site located 31.8 kilometers southwest of the community of Melba. A site restriction of 31.8 kilometers southwest will be required to allot channel 260C2 to Melba. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Melba. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Melba would benefit from the allotment of channel 260C2. It has also been shown that channel 260C2 can be allotted to 260C2 and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 260C2 for Melba, Idaho, 73.202.

8. Should channel 260C2 be allotted to Melba, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Melba, Idaho.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: March 4, 1999

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 260C2 (99.9 MHz), at N. 43 8 21, W. 116 45 25.

Searching Channel 260C2 (99.9 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Fruitland	ID	258	C1	U	103.3	79.0	353.3°	24.3
KWEIFM	Fruitland	ID	258	C1	L	101.5	79.0	16.3°	22.5
ALC	Burley	ID	260	C	U	273.1	249.0	109.1°	24.1
KZDX	Burley	ID	260	C	L	249.7	249.0	105.6°	0.7
KZDX	Burley	ID	260	C	L	273.1	249.0	109.1°	24.1
ALC	La Grande	OR	260	C1	U	268.5	224.0	336.1°	44.5
KWRL	La Grande	OR	260	C1	L	251.3	224.0	336.7°	27.3
ALC	Payette	ID	262	C1	U	103.4	79.0	353.2°	24.4
KQXR	Payette	ID	262	C1	L	78.8	79.0	14.8°	-0.2

FIGURE 1
MELBA, IDAHO
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING